
Master Plan for Tennessee Schools FY 2007

The Background:

Tennessee Code Annotated 49-1-302. (3) requires the Tennessee State Board of Education to develop and maintain a current master plan for the development of public education, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12); and provide recommendations to the executive branch, general assembly, and local boards of education and directors of schools regarding the use of public funds for education.

The *Master Plan for Tennessee Schools FY 2007* will set the Board's priorities and define an environment in which local school systems and the state can work for improvement. The plan is organized into nine key result areas, sets goals for those areas, identifies strategies to achieve the goals, and notes measures of progress for each goal. The nine key result areas are: early childhood education, primary and middle grades education, high school education, technology, teacher education and professional growth, accountability and assessment, school leadership, school health and safety, and funding.

Each year the Board sets priorities to focus action. The Board has identified the following objectives as priorities for FY 2007:

- Improve literacy for all students in grades K-12.
- Approve a plan for reforming Tennessee High Schools.
- Redesign how educational leaders are trained.
- Develop accountability policies to ensure that assessment is used to improve student learning and demonstrate accountability.
- Implement the recommendations of the Basic Education Program Review Committee.

The public input from individuals and groups interested in public education has been received and incorporated into the plan when feasible.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends adoption of the Master Plan for FY 2007 on final reading.